

twenty-seven centuries ago. Tokens¹ in the form of miniature hoes, axes, and other implements were in use for some time previously. But we may conclude that the monetary system that now appears essential to social life, has come into existence since the beginning of classical history.

The life of a community which subsists by hunting, cultivation or the pasturing of cattle is borne, as it were, upon a smooth-flowing stream : when men forsook these pursuits for the manufacture of things, they threw themselves upon a whirlpool and entrusted their lives to the circulation of its current. Manufacture can continue only if goods are sold : selling and buying must never cease. Political economy used to teach us that a demand for commodities is not a demand for labour : but if a demand for commodities did not exist, no manufacturing labour would be employed at all. Industrial prosperity depends upon the rapidity with which this current circulates, as well as upon its volume. Its rapidity is increased by improvements in communications which lessen the time that is required for the completion of a purchase. It is also increased by the enterprise of retail dealers who by bringing goods to the doors of the customers quicken the current of selling and buying. If from any cause, rapidity of transit is seriously diminished, the industrial population is thrown

into such distress as results from the closing of a market. It is kept alive by such a stream of exchanges as is supposed to be the nature of the electric current, and its vitality suffers if the

Is it not possible that the miniature or "pvarmv." flint weapons that are a puzzle to archaeologists were used for this purpose?